



## Middle School Admissions Updates September 2025

Harlem Link and our Start to Finish Program partners with every 5th grade family to navigate the middle school admissions process. This page can be found online with active links at [tinyurl.com/HLMSAP](https://tinyurl.com/HLMSAP) (Harlem Link Middle School Admissions Program) *UPDATED 9/12/25* [en español](#) [en français](#)

### What are my steps in helping my child attend a middle school they love?

- ☐ **Step 1:** Review this [Middle School Admissions Workshop](#).
- ☐ **Step 2:** Schedule a **Personalized Admissions Plan meeting** with Ms. Van Auken by **September 30!**  
Schedule directly [here](#)  
Email [mvanauken@harlemlink.org](mailto:mvanauken@harlemlink.org) or message on ParentSquare  
Text or call 804.387.7483
- ☐ **Step 3: Research** schools to find your top 10 NYC Public schools, your favorite 3 charter schools, and private schools.
  - ☐ Use [this awesome spreadsheet](#) to research schools online, see links below, this [school description summary](#), or check out [www.insideschools.org](http://www.insideschools.org), [myschools.nyc](http://myschools.nyc), or [school quality snapshots](#).
  - ☐ Receive Ms. V's weekly updates on ParentSquare, and go on **tours and open houses** in the fall!
- ☐ **Step 4: Apply** to [DOE schools](#) **October 15** through **December 5** at [myschools.nyc](http://myschools.nyc).  
You can apply to charter schools starting in December through **March 30** at [charternyc.org](http://charternyc.org) [here](#) on the Schoolmint platform.
- ☐ **Step 5: Accept** your seat to your favorite school. Send Ms. Van Auken the confirmation sheet back or notify her by **April 25** of your selection.

### Middle School Events

See [NYC Public School Admissions Calendar](#) and [Charter School Calendar](#)

Date	School/Program Event	Address or link
ASAP	<b>SAYC Application due</b> This is free ELA and Math tutoring for strong 5th grade students Saturdays, 11 to 3, October to March on the Lower East Side.	<b>Apply</b> <a href="#">here</a> .
Mon. Sept. 29 @ 11:45am	<a href="#">Professional Performing Arts School</a> Tour	<a href="#">RSVP here</a>
Tues. Sept. 30 @ 9:15am	<a href="#">Lafayette Academy</a> School Tour	154 West 93rd St.
Mon., Oct. 6 @ 4:30pm	<a href="#">Young Women's Leadership School</a> Open House	140 W. 102nd St.
Tues. Oct. 7 @ 9:15am	<a href="#">Lafayette Academy</a> School Tour	154 West 93rd St.
Thurs. Oct. 9 @ 8:30am	<a href="#">Booker T. Washington</a> MS54 School Tour FULL	103 W. 107th St. (enter at 108th) <a href="#">RSVP</a> link

Thurs. Oct. 9 @ 11:45am	<a href="#">Professional Performing Arts School</a> Tour	<a href="#">RSVP here</a>
Thurs. Oct. 9 @ 6pm	<a href="#">Wadleigh Secondary School for Performing Arts</a> Open House	<b>215 W. 114th St.</b>
Thurs. Oct. 14 @ 8:30am	<a href="#">Booker T. Washington</a> MS54 School Tour FULL	103 W. 107th St. (enter at 108th) <a href="#">RSVP link</a>
Tues. Oct. 14 @ 9:15am	<a href="#">Lafayette Academy</a> School Tour	154 West 93rd St.
Mon. Oct. 15 @ 11:45am	<a href="#">Professional Performing Arts School</a> Tour	<a href="#">RSVP here</a>
Wed. Oct. 15	<b>NYC Public Middle School Application Opens</b> Receive access code from Ms. V	<a href="#">myschools.nyc</a>
Thurs. Oct. 16 @ 6pm	<a href="#">Wadleigh Secondary School for Performing Arts</a> Open House	<b>215 W. 114th St.</b>
Tues. Oct. 21 @ 8:30am	<a href="#">Booker T. Washington</a> MS54 School Tour	103 W. 107th St. (enter at 108th) <a href="#">RSVP link</a>
Tues. Oct. 21 @ 9:15am	<a href="#">Lafayette Academy</a> School Tour	154 West 93rd St.
Wed. Oct. 22 @ 11:45am	<a href="#">Professional Performing Arts School</a> Tour	<a href="#">RSVP here</a>
Thurs. Oct. 23 @ 8:30am	<a href="#">Booker T. Washington</a> MS54 School Tour	103 W. 107th St. (enter at 108th) <a href="#">RSVP link</a>
Thu. Oct. 23 @ 4:30pm	<a href="#">Young Women's Leadership School</a> Open House	140 W. 102nd St.
Thurs. Oct. 23 @ 6pm	<a href="#">Wadleigh Secondary School for Performing Arts</a> Open House	<b>215 W. 114th St.</b>
Tues. Oct. 28 @ 8:30am	<a href="#">Booker T. Washington</a> MS54 School Tour	103 W. 107th St. (enter at 108th) <a href="#">RSVP link</a>
Tues. Oct. 28 @ 9:15am	<a href="#">Lafayette Academy</a> School Tour	154 West 93rd St.
Tues. Oct. 28 @ 11:45am	<a href="#">Professional Performing Arts School</a> Tour	<a href="#">RSVP here</a>
Wed. Oct. 29 @ 5:30pm	<a href="#">Opportunity Charter School</a> Open House	<a href="#">RSVP here</a>
Thurs. Oct. 30 @ 6pm	<a href="#">Wadleigh Secondary School for Performing Arts</a> Open House	<b>215 W. 114th St.</b>

Tues. Nov. 3 @ 9:15am	<a href="#">Lafayette Academy</a> School Tour	154 West 93rd St.
Tues. Nov. 3 @ 11:45am	<a href="#">Professional Performing Arts School</a> Tour	<a href="#">RSVP here</a>
Thu. Nov. 6 @ 9am	<a href="#">Community Action School</a> Tour	154 W. 93rd St.
Thu. Nov. 6 @ 8:30am	<a href="#">Booker T Washington</a> MS54 School Tour	103 W. 107th St. (enter at 108th) RSVP link
Tues. Nov. 10 @ 9:15am	<a href="#">Lafayette Academy</a> School Tour	154 West 93rd St.
Wed. Nov. 12 @ 4:30pm	<a href="#">Young Women's Leadership School</a> Open House	140 W. 102nd St.
Thu. Nov. 13 @ 9am	<a href="#">Community Action School</a> Tour	154 W. 93rd St.
Thurs. Nov. 13 @ 11:45am	<a href="#">Professional Performing Arts School</a> Tour	<a href="#">RSVP here</a>
Mon. Nov. 17th @ 9am	<a href="#">Community Action School</a> Tour	154 W. 93rd St.
Tue. Nov. 18 @ 8:30am	<a href="#">Booker T. Washington</a> MS54 School Tour	103 W. 107th St. (enter at 108th) <a href="#">RSVP</a> link
Tues. Nov. 18 @ 9:15am	<a href="#">Lafayette Academy</a> School Tour	154 West 93rd St.
Tue. Nov. 18 @ 6pm	<a href="#">Young Women's Leadership School</a> Virtual Open House	<a href="#">Zoom</a> link
Tue. Nov. 18 @ 5:30pm	<a href="#">Opportunity Charter School</a> Open House	<a href="#">RSVP here</a>
Wed. Nov. 19 @	<a href="#">Lafayette Academy</a> Virtual School Tour	Join <a href="#">here</a> .
Thurs. Nov. 20 @ 8:30am	<a href="#">Booker T. Washington</a> MS54 School Tour, for students with IEPs	103 W. 107th St. (enter at 108th) <a href="#">RSVP</a> link
Thurs. Nov. 20 @ 11:45am	<a href="#">Professional Performing Arts School</a> Tour	<a href="#">RSVP here</a>
Mon. Nov. 24th @ 9am	<a href="#">Community Action School</a> Tour	154 W. 93rd St.
Thurs. Nov. 24 @ 11:45am	<a href="#">Professional Performing Arts School</a> Tour	<a href="#">RSVP here</a>

Tues. Nov. 25 @ 9:15am	<a href="#">Lafayette Academy</a> School Tour	154 West 93rd St.
Mon. Dec. 1 @ 11:45am	<a href="#">Professional Performing Arts School</a> Tour	<a href="#">RSVP here</a>
Wed. Dec. 3 @ 6pm	<a href="#">The Anderson School</a> Open House	100 W. 77th St.
Thurs. Dec. 4th @ 9am	<a href="#">Community Action School</a> Tour	154 W. 93rd St.
Friday, Dec. 5	<b>NYC Public School Applications Due</b>	<a href="#">myschools.nyc</a>
Mon. Dec. 8 @ 9am	<a href="#">Community Action School</a> Tour	154 W. 93rd St.
Tue. Dec. 9 @ 6pm	<a href="#">Community Action School</a> Open House	154 W. 93rd St.

## Popular schools to research

### NYC Public Schools - District 3

School Name & Address	What makes the school special
<a href="#">Booker T Washington</a> 03M054 108th & Columbus	6-8th grade. Big school (750 students), lots of extracurriculars. Accelerated learning program. Music electives. French, Spanish, Mandarin, Latin language. 12:1 option. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">Columbia Secondary School</a> 05M362 123rd & Morningside Dr.	6-12th grade. <b>Screened</b> based on 4th grade report card grades. Accelerated academics with focus on math, science, and engineering. Music & Spanish. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">Community Action School</a> 03M258 93rd & Amsterdam	6-8th grade. Very supportive. Small (200 students). Strong ICT classes and on-site after school. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">The Computer School</a> 03M245 77th & Columbus	6-8th grade. Accelerated academics, active learning, arts, and extracurriculars. Strong overall program. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">Dual Language Middle School</a> 03M247 77th & Columbus	6-8th grade. Spanish dual language. Very supportive with high expectations. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">Frederick Douglass Academy II Secondary School</a> 03M860 114th & 7th	6-12th grade. Very very small. Extracurriculars. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">Lafayette Academy</a> 03M256 93rd & Amsterdam	6-8th grade. Supportive. Small. Strong ICT. Strong academic outcomes. Includes a French Dual Language Program. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">Mott Hall II</a> 03M862 121st & 7th Ave.	6-12th. 400 students. Very supportive and high expectations. Strong ICT. Create strong incentives to work hard. Sports. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">Professional Performing Arts School</a> 02M408	6-12th grade. <b>Audition</b> . Excellent performing arts training & rigorous instruction. Acting, dance, voice. <a href="#">Data</a> .

48th & 8th Ave.	
<a href="#">Manhattan School for Children</a> 03M333 93rd & Amsterdam	K-8. Very progressive. Project-oriented. 12:1 option. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">Wadleigh Secondary School for the Performing &amp; Visual Arts</a> 03M415 114th & 7th Ave.	6-12. Small, performing arts school. Not as rigorous instruction. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">West End Secondary School (WESS)</a> 03M291 61st & West End	6-12. Unique expeditionary learning - interdisciplinary. Strong progressive academics and extracurriculars. Strong advisory. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">West Prep Academy</a> 03M421 108th & Amsterdam	6-8. Small and supportive with strong school spirit and band. Strong ICT and 12:1. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">The Young Women's Leadership School</a> <b>TYWLS</b> 03M610 102nd & Amsterdam	6-12. <b>Screened</b> . Very high graduation and college enrollment rate. All girls. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .

## Popular Charter Schools

School Name & Address	What makes the school special
<a href="#">Capital Prep Harlem</a> 84M204 129th & Madison	6-12. Focus on social justice. Lower grad rate and academic ratings. Athletics & extracurriculars. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a>
<a href="#">Democracy Prep Charter</a> 84M350 135th & Fifth Ave.	6-8, then 9-12. Highly structured and supported. Demerits and opportunity to earn big trips and rewards. Uniform. Strongest performing of DP schools. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">Democracy Prep Harlem</a> 84M481 133rd & 7th Ave.	6-8, then 9-12. Highly structured and supported. Demerits and opportunity to earn big trips and rewards. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">DREAM Mott Haven</a> 84X614 20 Bruckner (Uber bldg)	6-8, then 9-12. High expectations. Strong sports. Summer programming. Well-funded. Parent partnerships. New building. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">DREAM East Harlem</a> 84M382 103rd & Second Ave.	6-8, then 9-12. High expectations. Strong sports. Summer programming. Well-funded. Parent partnerships. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a>
<a href="#">East Harlem Scholars Academy I</a> 84M518 105th & Second Ave. <a href="#">Data</a>	6-8, then 9-12. Solid. Summer programming. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a>
<a href="#">East Harlem Scholars Academy II</a> 84M168 107th & Madison	6-8, then 9-12. Solid. Summer programming. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">Future Leaders Institute</a> 84M861 122nd & 7th	K-8. Family like environment. Solid. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a>
<a href="#">Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy I</a> 84M284 129th & 8th Ave.	K-12. Wrap around services and supports. High expectations. Uniform <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">Harlem Children's Zone Promise Academy II</a> 84M341 125th & Madison	K-12. Wrap around services and supports. High expectations. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a>

<a href="#">KIPP Beyond</a> 84M389 121st & Broadway	6-8, 9-12. High expectations with support. Strong school spirit. Sports and services. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a>
<a href="#">Neighborhood Charter School Harlem</a> 84M100 144th & St. Nick	K-8. Structured and supportive, inclusive with ICT, 12:1. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">New Heights Academy Charter School</a> 84M353 151st & Amsterdam	5-12. Supportive, family-like environment. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">NYC Charter School of the Arts</a> 84M263 Battery Park	6-8. Robust arts programming. Strong academics. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">Opportunity Charter School</a> 84M279 113th & 7th	6-12. Focused on special education. Supportive, but not as high expectations. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .
<a href="#">St. HOPE Leadership Academy</a> 84M388 134th St. & 7th	6-8. Supportive. Family-like environment. Uniform. <a href="#">Data</a> .

## Private Schools

School Name & Address	What makes the school special
<a href="#">De La Salle Academy</a> 332 W. 43rd St.	6-8, seeking very high performing 5th graders, for close-knit community with accelerated academics
<a href="#">The East Harlem School at Exodus House</a> 309 East 103rd St.	4th - 8th grade. Supportive and focused on character and academics.
<a href="#">George Jackson Academy</a> (all boys) 104 St. Marks Place	6-8, seeking high performing 5th graders, close-knit community & accelerated academics
<a href="#">Harlem Academy</a> 655 St. Nicholas Ave	K-8, small, accelerated academics
<a href="#">The School at Columbia</a> 556 W. 110th St.	K-8. Neighborhood lottery for those living in District 3 or 5. High caliber private school for CU prof and staff kids.

**\*\* School busing is not provided for 6th grade for DOE, charter, or most private schools.**